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## Draft decision proposed by the Netherlands

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, which will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 20 July 2001,

1. *Recommends* that the first day of the Conference be considered as "Small Arms Destruction Day";

2. *Calls upon* all States to organize, on a voluntary basis and, where possible, together with non-governmental organizations and civil society, public events relating to the destruction of small arms and light weapons on "Small Arms Destruction Day" and to ensure the widest possible dissemination of information about the events, including through national and international media;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate this recommendation to all States and other participants in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, including non-governmental organizations.

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